

REMARKS

Claims 8-22, 24-25 and 27-32 are pending. New claims 29-32 correspond to the subject matter of original claims 2-4 and 7. The claims have been amended to reduce the Official fee for independent claims over three and total number of claims over 20.

The priority claim in the specification has been amended to correct a typographical error in the serial number of a provisional patent application.

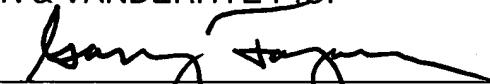
An Abstract of the Disclosure is also submitted herewith. No new matter is added because it is identical to the abstract of Int'l Appln. No. PCT/US2003/038764.

Therefore, the amendments are fully supported by the original disclosure and no new matter has been added. If the Examiner should disagree, however, it is respectfully requested that the challenged limitation be pointed out with particularity in the next Action so support may be cited in response.

Applicants earnestly solicit an early and favorable examination on the merits. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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